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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for using a ~~floating pallet for a~~ digital asset management system ~~in with~~ a plurality of different client applications, comprising the steps of:
initiating a digital assets management system;
~~creating a single extension plug in~~ initiating an interface application that provides an
~~to interface between each with APP's of all of said plurality of different client~~
applications and the, wherein said extension plug in communicates with said digital asset
management system;
creating said a floating pallet for said said that allows a user to
identify a digital asset managed by the digital asset management system, and
transfer the identified digital asset to a client application selected from said
plurality of different client applications using the interface provided by the interface application,
~~in one of said plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and~~
~~behaviors of a the selected client application; and~~
~~indicating that a file has been transferred from said digital asset management system to~~
~~said selected application.~~
2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
using said floating pallets ~~pallet~~ to request a search of digital assets managed by the
digital assets management system using user entered search criteria;

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transferring said search criteria to said digital asset management system through said ~~extension plug-in~~ interface application;

performing said search and creating a list of results;

transferring said list of results back to said ~~application~~ floating pallet through said ~~extension plug-in~~ interface application; and

displaying said list of results in said ~~application~~ floating pallet.

3. (New) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the interface application mimics the operation of a plug-in module for each of the plurality of client applications.

4. (New) The method recited in claim 3, wherein the interface application employs application programming interfaces of an operating system for the plurality of client applications to interact with the plurality of client applications.

5. (New) The method recited in claim 3, wherein the interface application intercepts calls from the plurality of client applications and redirects the calls to the interface application to interact with the plurality of client applications.

6. (New) The method recited in claim 5, wherein the interface application changes an address in a stub library to redirect the calls to the interface application.

7. (New) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the interface application is implemented as a plug-in module for the plurality of client applications.

8. (New) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising indicating when a digital asset has been transferred from said digital asset management system to said selected application.

9. (New) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the asset management system launches

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the floating pallet in a user interface of the selected client application.

10. (New) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising
detecting when at least one of said plurality of client applications initiated, and
in responses to detecting that at least one of said plurality of client applications has been
initiated, initiating the digital asset management system.